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F1000Prime biomedical article reviews reach 160k milestone

Launched in 2002, Faculty of 1000, the open science community founded by veteran publishing entrepreneur Vitek Tracz, has now rated and commented upon more than 160,000 biomedical articles via F1000Prime, its innovative online review service.

Faculty of 1000 has grown to become a community of more than 10,000 biomedical experts who help scientists to discover, discuss and publish research by helping them keep abreast of the latest, notable research articles.

F1000Prime’s qualitative assessment of research articles that its Faculty Members read as part of their daily work, covers all major biomedical disciplines and has assessed what’s been published in more than 4,000 journals over the past 12 years.

Articles are rated ‘good’, ‘very good’ or ‘exceptional’ and a total score is provided for each one, and used to create top 10 lists. Faculty Members also write short and helpful commentaries on the articles to explain their wider scientific significance and why they are recommending it.

F1000Prime believes the service, which has been used by thousands of scientists at all levels of experience in academic institutions and organisations, including Yale, UCL, King’s College London and National Institutes of Health, is a valuable alternative to the Impact Factor - a measure which F1000 believes is unfair and misleading because it does not assess the worth of individual articles, even though committees use it to rate the quality of individual authors.

Vitek Tracz, chairman of Faculty of 1000, said: “F1000Prime’s assessment of the articles is not a reflection of the citation counts of the journals they were published in, but an individual assessment of the
article by a named expert. In a sense we are doing a post publication peer review – the Faculty chooses and comments on articles after they have been published in the world literature.”

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About F1000Prime

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